

2008 Legislative Session Update through 04/09/2008

ADOPTED or SIGNED BY GOVERNOR

SR 103 & HR 104	A resolution designating March 2008 as Iowa Women's History Month.
HF 2194	Relating to exemptions to state minimum wage requirements.
SF 2292	Expanding time period during which a complaint may be filed with the Iowa Civil Rights Commission.
HF 2309	Relating to child support recovery, including assignment of support to the state relative to receipt of FIP benefits, the reporting of delinquent child support obligors to consumer reporting agencies, access to cellular telephone numbers for the purpose of the computer match program by the CSRU, the information included in a notice regarding the administrative levy of an account, and medical support of a child, and providing effective and retroactive applicability dates. Effective 3-25-08, with exception of division I effective 10-01-09.

PASSED BY BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, NOW PENDING SUBMISSION TO/REVIEW BY GOVERNOR

HF 2145	A bill requiring insurers offering certain individual or group health insurance contracts, policies, or plans to provide coverage for vaccinations for human papilloma virus.
SF 2177	Relating to health-related activities and regulation by DPH. This includes legal right of minors to seek both treatment and prevention of STD's.
SF 2214	Relating to modification of a child custody order during the time a parent is serving active military duty.
SF 2281	An act prohibiting employment discrimination against an employee plaintiff, defendant, or witness in certain civil proceedings.
SF 2335	Relating to the rights of a victim of an alleged sexual assault and notification of these rights by a peace officer.
HF 2628	An act including a portable device or weapon directing an electric current, impulse, wave, or beam that produces a high-voltage pulse designed to immobilize a person in the definition of a dangerous weapon and making penalties applicable.

BILLS THAT ARE STILL VIABLE DURING THIS SESSION

SF 2216	An act concerning state and local measures for preparing a student for a career or for postsecondary education, including a statewide core curriculum for school districts and accredited nonpublic schools and a state-designated career information and decision-making system.
SF 2353	A bill for an act relating to the appointment of certain judicial officers, the retirement of senior judges, and the entry of temporary custody and visitation orders.
HF 2613	A bill for an act relating to the issuance of permits to carry weapons and providing an effective date.
HF 2619	A bill for an act relating to deferred judgment criminal records.
HF 2675	A bill for an act pertaining to qualifications for and payment of unemployment compensation benefits, and including effective and applicability date provisions.
HF 2679	A bill for an act relating to the funding of, the operation of, and appropriation of moneys to the college student aid commission, the department for the blind, the department of education, and the state board of regents, providing for related matters and including effective date provisions (Regents portion includes STEM STUDY)
SSB 3297	A study bill for an act relating to and making appropriations for health and human services and including other related provisions and appropriations, making penalties applicable and providing effective, retroactive, and applicability date provisions (INCLUDES CSRU FUNDING TO BACKFILL LOSS DUE TO DRA 2005)

ICSW 2009 POLICY AGENDA ITEM STATUS

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN'S ECONOMIC SUCCESS AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

1. Participation of girls and women in STEM and other non-traditional occupation
 - **HF 2679 (see SSB 3294 and HSB 787) IN PROCESS, BUT WITH NO APPROPRIATION OR SPECIFIC GOAL PERCENTAGES.** This bill requires that the State Board of Regents direct the universities to report on the proportion of girls and women in STEM, and in high school programs such as Project Lead the Way. Also directs universities to take "every reasonable measure" to improve the proportion of women and girls in STEM
 - **HF 2331 FAILED TO PROGRESS PAST THE FIRST FUNNEL WEEK.** Provide for a Math and Science Improvement pilot program and appropriation which would have been available for Area Education Agencies to assist teachers with the cooperation/participation of targeted businesses.
2. Support the federal Child Support Protection Act of 2007 which would restore funding cut by the Deficit Reduction Act of 2005
 - **SSB 3297 and HSB 789 IN PROCESS.** Provides budget appropriations for DHS and others, including general fund money to backfill the some of the loss created by DRA of 2005.
 - **SCR 103 and HCR 108 PENDING?** Concurrent resolutions urging US Congress to adopt a budget that meets the needs of Iowa's children and families
3. Appropriations for Women, Workforce and Money Program and restoring Iowa New Choices funding to prior levels.
 - **SF 2400 PROVIDES FOR CONTINUATION OF FY 2008 FUNDING, NO NEW APPROPRIATIONS.** Study bills submitted which included additional funding did not progress.

WOMEN'S SAFETY AND HEALTH

1. Amend code of Iowa Chapter 724.26 into alignment with federal law prohibiting persons convicted of a domestic violence misdemeanor or subject to a no-contact order from possessing firearms.
 - **SF 491 FAILED TO PROGRESS PAST FIRST FUNNEL WEEK.** Prohibits above people from possessing firearms.
 - **HF 2613 INTRODUCED 04/13/2008.** Relating to issuance of weapons permits. ***This bill may include an amendment related to text of SF 491.
2. Strengthen rights of sexual assault victims
 - **SF 2335 HAS PASSED BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, PENDING GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL.**
4. Increase funding to ICSW for training on issues of violence against women
 - **SF 2400 PROVIDES FOR CONTINUATION OF FY 2008 FUNDING ONLY, NO NEW APPROPRIATIONS.** Study bills submitted which included additional funding did not progress.
5. Increase funding for women's health issues.
 - **HF 2145 HAS PASSED BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, PENDING GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL.** Requires insurers to cover HPV vaccinations.
 - **SF 2177 HAS PASSED BOTH HOUSE AND SENATE, PENDING GOVERNOR'S APPROVAL.** Provides for health-related activities and regulation by Dept. of Public Health, including treatment and prevention of STD's available to minors.
 - **HF 2292 FAILED TO PROGRESS PAST FIRST FUNNEL WEEK.** Provided for time/space for employees to breast-feed. **May yet be attached to another bill as an amendment.
 - **SF 2377 IN PROCESS, PASSED SENATE.** Allows victims of stalking, domestic violence to qualify for unemployment should they have to leave their jobs.

GENDER EQUITY AND EQUAL JUSTICE FOR WOMEN

1. Extend gender balance requirements on boards and commissions to political subdivisions of the State of Iowa
 - **NO BILL INTRODUCED.**
2. Extend deadline for filing civil rights complaints.
 - **SF 2292 WAS SIGNED BY THE GOVERNOR.** This extends filing deadline from 180 days to 300 days.
6. Establish gender-specific continuum of care for females in the juvenile justice system, starting with restricting ALL placements at Iowa Juvenile homes for females only.
 - **SSB 3254 DID NOT PROGRESS PAST FIRST FUNNEL WEEK.** Would have restricted all Iowa Juvenile Home placements to females.